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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
GREG ASHTON, et al. :
Serial No.: 09/897,823 : Group Art Unit:
Filed: June 29, 2001 : Examiner:
For DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT :
GARMENT HAVING HIGHLY :
EXTENSIBLE LEG :
OPENINGS :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add Claims 21 and 22 as follows:

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21. (New) The absorbent article of claim 10 further comprising at least one substantially straight discrete outer leg cuff wrapped over at least one of the portions of one of the side edges defining one of the leg openings, the outer leg cuff comprising a first end disposed in an upper front quadrant of a circumference of the one of the leg openings and a second end disposed in a back quadrant of the circumference of the one of the leg openings to at least partially encircle the one of the leg openings.

22. (New) The absorbent article of claim 17 further comprising at least one substantially straight discrete outer leg cuff wrapped over at least one of the portions of one of the side edges defining one of the leg openings, the outer leg cuff comprising a first end disposed